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Dear Sir:

INVENTION ELECTION

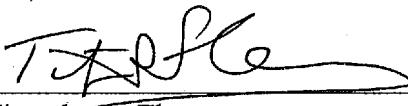
This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2009. The Office Action requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-11 and 21-30 of the application. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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